



# Alameda County Sheriff's Office

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## Coroner Investigator's Report

CALL INFO	NAME OF DECEASED (LAST, FIRST MIDDLE) <b>ANGULO, Christopher Luis Daniel</b>			TENTATIVE ID UNIDENTIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		CASE NUMBER <b>2015-01921</b>	
	REPORTED BY <b>R. Lacer</b>		REPORTED BY PHONE NO. <b>(510) 667-3646</b>		REPORTING AGENCY <b>Alameda County Sheriff's Office-ETS</b>		REFERENCE NUMBER <b>15-010423</b>
	INVESTIGATOR <b>Jason Henshaw</b>		CALL DATE AND TIME <b>6/19/2015 8:30</b>		CASE TYPE <b>Removal Case</b>		
	DATE AND TIME OF DEATH <b>6/19/2015 0:00</b>		DATE OF BIRTH <b>2/19/1981</b>	AGE <b>34 Years</b>	GENDER <b>Male</b>	RACE <b>Caucasian/White</b>	MARITAL STATUS <b>Never Married</b>
DECEDENT	HGT <b>67</b>	WGT <b>187</b>	EYE COLOR <b>Brown</b>	HAIR COLOR <b>Brown</b>	OCCUPATION <b>screen writer</b>	EMPLOYER	
	<b>Preliminary Summary</b>						
DEATH	LOCATION OF DEATH <b>Santa Rita Jail</b>			LOD TYPE <b>Other</b>			
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) <b>5325 Broder Blvd Dublin CA 94568</b>			COUNTY <b>Alameda</b>			
	Manner <b>Suicide</b>			Death Certificate Signed By: <b>S. Beezley</b>			
	Cause A <b>Shock and hemorrhage</b>			Interval <b>Minutes</b>			
	Cause B <b>incised right antecubital artery and vein</b>			Interval <b>Minutes</b>			
	Cause C			Interval			
	Cause D			Interval			
	Other Significant Conditions <b>none</b>						
NOTIFICATION	LEGAL NEXT OF KIN <b>[REDACTED]</b>			RELATIONSHIP <b>[REDACTED]</b>		TELEPHONE NO. <b>[REDACTED]</b>	
	NOTIFIED BY			METHOD		DATE AND TIME	
	IDENTIFICATION METHOD			DATE AND TIME			
INCIDENT	LOCATION OF INCIDENT <b>County Jail</b>			AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>			
	ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) <b>5325 Broder Boulevard Dublin CA 94568</b>			COUNTY <b>Alameda</b>		DATE AND TIME OF INCIDENT <b>6/19/2015 0:00</b>	
	INVESTIGATING AGENCY <b>Alameda County Sheriff's Office</b>			INV AGENCY PHONE NUMBER		OFFICER <b>J. Gebelein</b>	
DISP	FUNERAL HOME <b>Alta Vista Cremation and Funeral Service</b>			BODY RELEASED TO FUNERAL HOME ON <b>6/23/2015 13:36</b>			
	Full Autopsy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial Autopsy <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection <input type="checkbox"/> Record Review <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection w/Specimen <input type="checkbox"/>			EXAM BY <b>Paul W. Herrmann</b>			

Date Printed Saturday, July 18, 2015



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### Investigator Narrative

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**Decedent:** ANGULO, Christopher Luis Daniel  
**Case Number:** 2015-01921  
**Investigator:** Jason Henshaw

#### First Call Information:

On Friday, June 19, 2015, about 0830 hours, Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) dispatch received a call from ACSO Lieutenant R. Lacer regarding the suicide death of Inmate Christopher Angulo, at Santa Rita Jail in Dublin. Lieutenant Lacer reported, about 0425 hours, deputies found Angulo unresponsive in his jail cell with a laceration to his right forearm and called 9-1-1. The Alameda County Fire Department responded and performed life saving measures, but were unsuccessful and death was pronounced, at 0440 hours. Angulo's medical history and next of kin were unknown at the time of the first call. (JDH1886)

#### Medical Summary:

Angulo had an apparent self inflicted laceration to the antecubital artery and vein in his right arm. This injury resulted in a severe hemorrhage.

Corizon Health Services provided Angulo's medical records which showed a history of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (JDH1886)

#### Description of the Death/ Injury Scene:

Angulo died at Santa Rita Jail, located at 5325 Broder Blvd in Dublin. He was held in Housing Unit #8, Cell F16, which is a single occupant cell for protective custody inmates. (JDH1886)

#### Body Identification:

On June 19, 2015, I (Henshaw) located Angulo's Alameda County Sheriff's Office Custody Card on scene. I compared the photograph and general descriptors to the decedent and they appeared to be a match.

I searched the Consolidated Records Information Management System (CRIMS) and located a record for Angulo. I compared the photograph and general descriptors from CRIMS to the decedent and they appeared to be a match. (JDH1886)

On June 23, 2015, a fax was received from the Alameda County Central Identification Bureau (CIB) confirming that the fingerprints taken from the decedent were a match to the fingerprints associated with Person File Number [REDACTED] with the name Christopher Angulo. (KEE1917)

#### Next of Kin Investigation:

On Saturday, June 20, 2015, I (Henshaw) spoke with Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office Deputy Boswell on the telephone and he told me he personally notified Angulo's father, [REDACTED] of his son's death.





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On Saturday, June 20, 2015, I spoke with [REDACTED] on the telephone and explained the Coroner's involvement. [REDACTED] told me Angulo was never married, but did have minor children. Based on that information, I informed [REDACTED] that he was the legal next of kin and would be in charge of authorizing funeral arrangements. [REDACTED] told me the following; Angulo had two minor children, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is about ten years old, but was put up for adoption at a young age and has had no contact with the family. [REDACTED] who is four years old, lives with his mother, [REDACTED] who was notified of Angulo's death by [REDACTED] (JDH1886)

**Other Agency Reports:**

Alameda County Sheriff's Office Deputy J. Gebelein wrote report #15-010423. I received the report, reviewed it, and placed a copy into the case file. The information from the report was accurate with the information already provided to me. (JDH1886)

**Property and Evidence:**

I (Henshaw) issued Coroner's receipt #36201 to Deputy R. Pelc for Angulo's body and personal property. (JDH1886)

**Coroners Fees:**

There are body removal and body preparation fees totaling \$321 associated with this case. (JDH1886)

As of Saturday, July 18, 2015, I (Henshaw) saw there was still an outstanding balance of \$321 for Coroner's fees. I placed a hold on this case until the fees are paid. (JDH1886)

On Wednesday, September 02, 2015, all Coroner's fees were paid in full. (HB#2017)

**Investigative Details:**

On Friday, June 19, 2015, about 0921 hours, Deputy Bordi and I (Henshaw) arrived at Santa Rita Jail, Housing Unit #8, F-pod. We were met by Deputy R. Pelc who led us to Cell #16 where Angulo was located. I saw Angulo was lying supine on the lower bunk and his lower body, from the waist down, was covered by a blanket. I saw a pool of blood between the right side of Angulo's torso and his right arm. I performed a limited external exam and saw Angulo's right arm was covered by a green towel that was drenched with blood. I removed the towel from Angulo's right arm and noticed a deep laceration on his inner forearm. Rigor mortis was present throughout Angulo's body and lividity was consistent with his body positioning. I saw miscellaneous papers spread out on the cell's top bunk. One of the papers appeared to be a hand written note that read, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Angulo's cell was kept neat and clean and it did not appear a struggle or any foul play had taken place. Deputy Bordi took digital photographs of the scene and Angulo was prepared for transportation to the Coroner's Bureau.

I spoke with Deputy Pelc and he reported that deputies found Angulo unresponsive in his cell at 0425 hours. They immediately placed the Automated Electronic Defibrillation (AED) device on Angulo's chest and CPR was started. He told me Angulo was classified as a "Protective Custody" inmate who was the only occupant of his cell at the time of the incident. Deputy Pelc stated two razor blades were found in Angulo's cell, one located inside the toilet and the other behind the mattress. The last time Angulo was seen alive was the prior evening during recreation time. After recreation time was over, Angulo reportedly returned to his cell alone. During the remainder of the evening and early morning hours,





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deputies advised that they had conducted observation and security checks through Angulo's cell window, but since he was alone lying on his bed, wrapped in a blanket, it appeared he was sleeping. In the morning when Angulo did not wake up, deputies responded to his cell to check on his status and found him in an unresponsive state with the laceration to his right arm.

On Friday, June 19, 2015, about 1104 hours, Deputy Bordi and I returned to the Coroner's Bureau and processed Angulo into the morgue, which included intake photographs. The scene photographs and intake photographs were later downloaded onto a CD-R disc and placed in the case file.

On Monday, June 22, 2015, about 1030 hours, Coroner's Pathologist Dr. W. Herrmann performed an autopsy and determined Angulo's cause of death to be shock and hemorrhage due to incised right antecubital artery and vein.

On Wednesday, June 24, 2015, Central Valley Toxicology (CVT) received Angulo's femoral blood sample. CVT conducted a complete drug screen on the sample but did not detect any common acidic, neutral or basic drugs. There was also no ethyl alcohol detected. (JDH1886)

#### **Findings:**

On Friday, July 17, 2015, I (Henshaw) reviewed this case to determine a manner of death. Based on my investigation, the autopsy protocol, toxicology results, and the police report, I find the manner of this death to be a suicide. Angulo was the only inmate assigned to his cell and was found with a laceration to his right arm. There were also two razor blades located inside the cell along with a letter of intent. This finding was also supported by the cause of death as given by Dr. Herrmann, shock and hemorrhage due to incised right antecubital artery and vein. (JDH1886)

#### **Supervisor Review:**

On Saturday, July 25, 2015, I (Sgt. Baron) reviewed this case and found it to be complete. I concur with the findings and approve this case for closure. However, due to the fact the Coroner's fees are still outstanding, the case will be closed-pending fees and will not be disseminated until all fees are paid in full. (HB#2017)

On Wednesday, September 02, 2015, all Coroner's fees were paid in full and the fee hold was removed. The case status has been updated to Closed. (HB#2017)



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Director of Emergency Services  
Coroner - Marshal

## M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: June 22, 2015  
FROM: Paul W. Herrmann, M.D.  
TO: Case File 2015-01921  
SUBJECT: AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

Autopsy performed upon the body of Christopher Angulo at the Coroner's Bureau, 2901 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland, California, on June 22, 2015, at 8:30 a.m.

### AUTOPSY FINDINGS

- 1) INCISED WOUND OF THE RIGHT ANTECUBITAL AREA WITH INCISION INTO THE ANTECUBITAL ARTERY AND VEIN.
- 2) PALLOR OF THE LIVER.
- 3) REDUCED AMOUNT OF BLOOD IN THE CARDIAC CHAMBERS.
- 4) CEREBRAL EDEMA, MILD TO MODERATE.
- 5) LARGE INCISIONAL-TYPE SCARS ON THE RIGHT UPPER EXTREMITY AND RIGHT WRIST.

CAUSE OF DEATH: SHOCK AND HEMORRHAGE DUE TO INCISED RIGHT ANTECUBITAL ARTERY AND VEIN.

CC: EMS  
District Attorney  
Investigations Bureau

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Body of CHRISTOPHER ANGULO

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

The body is that of a well-developed adult male appearing consistent with consistent with the stated age of 34 years, weighing 187 pounds and measuring 67 inches. The hair is black and cut quite short. The irides are brown. The conjunctivae show no abnormalities. The teeth are in good condition except that the left upper medial incisor is absent with a well-healed gumline. There is complete rigidity of the extremities, neck and jaw. Slight lividity is present on the back.

The body is dressed in the following items of CLOTHING:

A pair of red pants with an elasticized waistband. It has the inscription "XXL ALAMEDA COUNTY JAIL" with a "P" beneath it on the front of the right side of the pants.

The next item is a pair of khaki-colored boxer-type shorts.

The next item is a pair of gray socks.

There is the following evidence of MEDICAL TREATMENT:

1) Multiple EKG pads are adherent to the torso.

2) A resuscitative electrode pad is present on the left lateral chest. Another is present on the right upper chest.

Blood on the body

There is a great deal of clotted blood present on the right lateral chest and the right lateral abdomen, and blood is



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23 present on the right upper arm and forearm. It is particularly  
24 congealed just medial to the antecubital area. Blood has run  
25 down to the wrist and onto the proximal thumb of the right hand.  
26 A small amount of blood is seen on the fingers.

27 The fingernails of the right hand are short and clean. A  
28 few show the presence of a small amount of blood. No other  
29 foreign material is seen.

30 There is a small amount of blood deposited on the fingers  
31 of the left hand. The palmar surface is essentially free of  
32 blood.

33 Some of the blood on the right lateral chest has run onto  
34 the anterior abdomen, as well.

35 TRAUMA TO THE BODY:

36 There is no evidence of trauma to the face or head. None  
37 is seen on the neck.

38 The chest and abdomen show no evidence of blunt trauma, and  
39 none is seen on the genitalia.

40 The left upper extremity, including the left hand, shows no  
41 trauma.

42 The left lower extremity shows no evidence of trauma, and  
43 none is seen on the right lower extremity.

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44           The right upper extremity shows the presence of an incised  
45 wound. It is on the medial aspect of the right antecubital  
46 fossa. It measures 1 inch in length. It gapes 1/2 inch and  
47 exposes the subcutaneous fat, and tissue beneath the fat can  
48 also be visualized. Just above the lateral aspect of this  
49 incised wound are two very superficial incised wounds, one  
50 measuring 1/4 and the other 1/8 inch in length.

51           There is a crude tattoo on the right forearm just below the  
52 antecubital fossa and just below the incised wound. I cannot  
53 make out what this tattoo represents.

54           Just above the incised wound, there is a long scar which  
55 extends from the lateral aspect of the elbow, medially across  
56 the antecubital area, and then upward onto the medial aspect of  
57 the right upper arm. The total length of this scar is approxi-  
58 mately 7 inches, and there are suture scars along it.

59           On the medial aspect of the right forearm, beginning  
60 approximately 2-1/2 inches below the elbow, there is a long  
61 linear scar measuring approximately 5 inches in length. There  
62 may be some suture scars along it.

63           On the anterior aspect of the right wrist, there are some  
64 very faint, fine depigmented scars. Four of them can be  
65 definitely visualized. They average 1-1/8 inches in length and



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66 are located within an area approximately 3/4 inch vertically.

67 There are no scars on the left upper extremity.

68 There are some depigmented scars over the right patella.

69 There is no evidence of trauma to the back, buttocks, or  
70 the posterior lower extremities.

71 There are crude tattoos on the buttocks bilaterally. On  
72 the left buttock is the word "KISS"; on the right buttock, the  
73 word "ME."

74 INTERNAL EXAMINATION

75 Y-SHAPED THORACOABDOMINAL AND INTERMASTOIDAL INCISIONS are  
76 made.

77 HEAD: There is no evidence of trauma to the scalp. The  
78 subcutaneous tissue, galea and skull are unremarkable. The  
79 meninges show no abnormalities. The external surface of the  
80 brain shows slight gyral flattening, but the brain on cut  
81 section shows no abnormality. The vessels of the base of the  
82 brain are unremarkable. The base of the skull shows no  
83 abnormality. The brain weighs 1480 grams.

84 NECK ORGANS: The soft tissues of the neck and the cervical  
85 spine are unremarkable. The laryngeal and tracheal cartilages  
86 and hyoid bone are intact. The airway is patent. The thyroid  
87 gland is of normal size and unremarkable on cut section.

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88 CHEST: There is no evidence of trauma to the chest wall.

89 The ribs are intact. The lungs fill the pleural spaces.

90 LUNGS: The left lung weighs 250 grams. The right lung

91 weighs 350 grams. The pulmonary arteries and bronchi are

92 unremarkable. The pulmonary parenchyma is congested only in the

93 lower lobes. The upper lobes are well aerated and light pink in

94 color.

95 HEART: The pericardial sac contains a small amount of

96 clear yellow fluid. The external surface of the heart shows no

97 abnormalities. There is a markedly reduced amount of blood

98 present in the cardiac chambers. The heart weighs 310 grams.

99 The coronary arteries are unremarkable. The right coronary

100 artery is dominant. The cardiac chambers and valves are

101 unremarkable. The left ventricular myocardium is 12-14 mm in

102 thickness; the right, 2-3 mm. There is no scarring present.

103 The foramen ovale is closed. The interventricular septum is

104 unremarkable. The descending thoracic and abdominal aorta shows

105 no abnormality.

106 ABDOMEN: The abdominal fat is 2 inches at the umbilicus.

107 The organs are in their normal positions.

108 LIVER: The liver weighs 1450 grams. The capsule is

109 smooth. The parenchyma is tan-brown in color. There is a



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110 reduced amount of blood present in the parenchyma. The  
111 gallbladder and extrahepatic ducts are unremarkable.

112 SPLEEN: The spleen weighs 200 grams. The capsule is  
113 smooth. The parenchyma is unremarkable on cut section.

114 PANCREAS: The pancreas is of normal size and retains a  
115 lobular architecture.

116 ADRENAL GLANDS: The adrenals are equal in size. The  
117 cortices are thin, bright yellow. The medullae are  
118 unremarkable.

119 GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT: The mucosa of the esophagus and  
120 stomach is unremarkable. The stomach contains a large amount of  
121 food material. Kernels of corn and other vegetables can be  
122 identified. The duodenum and small bowel contain creamy yellow  
123 chyme. The large intestine is unremarkable. The rectum  
124 contains soft fecal material.

125 GENITOURINARY TRACT: The kidneys weigh 140 grams each.  
126 The capsules strip with ease. The cortical surfaces are smooth.  
127 The parenchyma on cut section shows no abnormality. The renal  
128 vessels, pelves and ureters are in their normal positions. The  
129 urinary bladder is empty. The bladder mucosa is unremarkable.  
130 The prostate gland shows no abnormalities on cut section. The  
131 testes are palpated in the scrotum. The penis shows no

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132 abnormality.

133 The thoracic and lumbar spine are unremarkable.

134 An incision is made into the area of the incised wound of

135 the right arm. This wound can be followed into the deep

136 structures of the arm, and it shows an incision into the ante-

137 cubital artery. The incision is very small in the artery.

138 There is hemorrhage in the soft tissues surrounding it. The

139 vein is also incised, but it is not transected. The depth of

140 this wound in the arm is approximately 1/2 to 3/4 inch.

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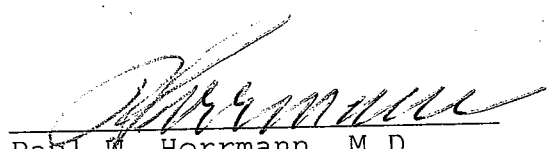
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Paul W. Herrmann, M.D.







**Case Name:**

Angulo,

**TOXICOLOGY NUMBER:** CVT-15-7416

Christopher  
2 ml femoral blood labeled "Angulo, Christopher; 2015-01921; 06/22/2015"

**Specimen Description:**

**Delivered by** Tricor

**Date** 24-Jun-15

**Received by** Bill Posey

**Date** 24-Jun-15

**Request:** Complete Drug Screen

**Agency Case #** 2015-01921

**Requesting Agency**

Alameda Co. Coroner's Office  
Attn: Acct's Payable  
480 4th Street  
Oakland CA 94607

**Report To**

Alameda Co. Coroner's Office  
Attn: Dr. Herrmann  
2901 Peralta Oaks Ct., 2nd Floor  
Oakland CA 94605

Specimen: Femoral Blood Sample

**RESULTS**

Complete Drug Screen: No common acidic, neutral or basic drugs detected.  
No Ethyl Alcohol detected.

Handwritten signature and date: 07/14/2015  
Handwritten initials: KMR/KCS

B. L. Posey

July 02, 2015

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